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SUBJECT: HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WATERS

1. IN ORDER TO SATISFY CIVILIAN NAUTICAL AND MILITARY  
CHARTING REQUIREMENTS, THE US NAVY DESIRES TO CONDUCT  
COORDINATED HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS WITH THE DOMINICAN  
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REPUBLIC IN THE GODR'S TERRITORIAL SEA AND IN ADJACENT

AREAS OF THE HIGH SEAS FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR COMMENCING IN JANUARY 1975. WHILE SURVEYS WILL BE PRIMARILY CHARTING, SOME OCEANOGRAPHIC SURVEYS ARE ALSO PLANNED. THE RESULTING NAUTICAL CHART AND OCEANOGRAPHIC INFORMATION WOULD BE HIGHLY BENEFICIAL TO THE US AND HOPEFULLY TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

2. USNS HARKNESS (T-AGS 32), A COASTAL HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY SHIP OPERATED BY MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND AND UNDER THE TECHNICAL DIRECTION OF THE NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHIC OFFICE, WOULD CONDUCT THE SURVEYS. PARTICIPATION BY THE DEPARTAMENTO HIDROGRAFICO MARINA DE GUERRA PERSONNEL IS WELCOME. THE HARKNESS IS CIVIL SERVICE CREWED, WITH A MILITARY DETACHMENT THAT CONDUCTS THE ACTUAL HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY. HARKNESS, WHICH CARRIES FOUR SOUNDING LAUNCHES AND A HELICOPTER, IS AN UNARMED WHITE HULLED SHIP.

3. LAND USE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A NUMBER OF SHORE SITES WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE POSITIONING OF ELECTRONIC AIDS AND A SMALL ADVANCE PARTY WILL PROBABLY BE REQUIRED TO GO TO THE INITIAL SURVEY AREA TO SELECT APPROPRIATE SITES. USE OF ELECTRONIC POSITIONING AIDS WILL REQUIRE SEPARATE FREQUENCY CLEARANCE. GEODETIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POSITIONING OF THE NAVIGATION AIDS WILL BE COORDINATED THROUGH THE IAGS.

4. PORT VISITS BY HARKNESS WOULD BE TO VARIOUS DOMINICAN REPUBLIC PORTS FOR LOGISTICS AND RECREATION AS WELL AS TO PUERTO RICO. COORDINATED OPERATIONS WITH OTHER CIVILIAN MANNED SHIPS UNDER NAVOCEANO TECHNICAL DIRECTION IS IN THE PLANNING STATE BUT NO PARTICULAR SHIPS HAVE YET BEEN IDENTIFIED. TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH VESSELS WOULD CONDUCT SURVEY IN THE THREE MILE TERRITORIAL SEA RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES, UNDERTAKE ACTIVITIES REQUIRING PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH THE CONTINENTAL SHELF APPERTAINING TO THE DR, OR USE GODR FACILITIES, THE EMBASSY WILL BE NOTIFIED AND APPROPRIATE CLEARANCES WILL BE REQUESTED. GODR CONCURRENCE FOR SURVEY IN SPECIFIC AREAS SHOULD NOT BE SOUGHT AT THIS TIME.

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5. FYI - US DOES NOT RECOGNIZE LEGALITY OF GODR'S CLAIMED TERRITORIAL SEA BEYOND THREE NAUTICAL MILES. HOWEVER, US WILL NOT EXPLICITLY REQUEST PERMISSION TO UNDERTAKE SURVEY IN BELT BETWEEN SHORELINE AND THREE NAUTICAL MILES, AND FOR OPERATIONS INVOLVING BOTTOM SAMPLING ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF AND UNDERTAKEN THERE AS REQUIRED BY THE 1958 CONVENTION ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF. RATHER, TO AVOID RAISING

DISPUTE OVER BREADTH OF TERRITORIAL SEA, WE WILL PROBABLY DESCRIBE PROJECT AREA AS A WHOLE, AND REQUEST CONSENT FOR SURVEY UNDERTAKEN ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF, OR WHICH CONCERNS THE SHELF AND IS UNDERTAKEN THERE. END FYI.

6. RESULTS OF SURVEY WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EITHER AS RAW DATA OR FINISHED CHARTS OR BOTH. PERSONNEL OF THE NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHIC OFFICE ARE AVAILABLE TO BRIEF APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL CONCERNING ALL ASPECTS OF THE SURVEY.

7. FYI - THE NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHIC OFFICE AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC CURRENTLY HAVE HARBOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HARSAP) AGREEMENT. THIS PROGRAM ASSISTS GODR PERSONNEL IN HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYING OF THEIR OWN PORTS AND HARBORS. END FYI.

8. REQUEST EMBASSY SEEK GODR GENERAL APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT, STRESSING NONMILITARY NATURE OF SHIPS AND COOPERATIVE ASPECTS OF SURVEY. KISSINGER

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